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CRUISERS PUT TO SEA

Columbia and Minneapolis Leave Old Point.

SHIPS DEPART IN A HURRY

tha to Key West.

al for great excitement, both e and on board the ships. Offi-h side arms notified those o hurry aboard and there were es said in a hurried way.

and the search armored and will a hot fight to any enemy known on this coast. There is one that lends color to the theory one ship is after the Paris and o be a convoy, and that is that is no Spanish ship near this coast could not be controlled by either big cruisers.

Tevenue cutter the coast of the converted revenue cutter iton passed the flagship Brooken her way out this afternoon and permission to proceed.

Eddi not give her destination.

Hudson and Merrill, both cond revenue cutters, also went out

There will be no cessation of work on the auxiliary cruisers today, although it is the Sabbath, as these ships must be ready for service as soon as possible.

As was stated yesterday, the hospital ship Solace will leave for Norfolk navy yard tomorrow, where she will take on supplies before sailing for Key West. The work of putting the cruisers Yosemite and Dixle in condition is being rushed and the ships are expected to be ready to leave the yard next Saturday. A dispatch received from Baltimore last hight stated that the steamer Stoward salled from that city yesterday, having on board 750 naval reserves. The Howard will land the seamen at Norfolk today, where they will be put through a course of training before they are transferred to the Dixle.

In order that the men may be fully

ing before they are transferred to the Dixie.

In order that the men may be fully prepared, each member of the detail has been furnished with the following equipment: One hammock, one mattress, ene pair of biankets one sallor's bag, two suits of underclothing, a mess gear, consisting of an agateware plate, a cup, one spoon, a knife and a fork, one suit of oilskin clothes, two suits of white duck, one suit of blue cloth, two hats, one toothbrush, two pairs of socks and a pipe.

WILLOUGHBY SPIT FORT.

A board of naval officers have made an inspection of the government grounds at Willoughby Spit with a view of constructing a fort at the point to co-operate with Fortress Monroe.

It is expected that active operations on the fort will begin this week and be pushed to completion without de-

be pushed to completion without de-lay.

This fort is to be erected on a super-structure of steel supports, forming an arched chamber, in which the guns are to be operated. The fort will be tem-

school of methods which be held at Charlottesville, and also to Xamine the papers of the candidates for teachers diplomars. This is a compliment worthly bestowed, as few men are better qualified for this work than Professor Epes.

Kulghts of Macabees.

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A chapter of the Knights of Maconbees has been organized in this city with a large membership and is designated as Newport News Chapter.

No. 14: Following are the officers:
Samuel Piercy-Commander.

A. P. Morrie-Sergeant.
Philip Marlow-Record Keeper.

Rev. W. E. Powell-Chaplain.

John W. Evans-Lleutenant Commander.

er, Carl Olson-Master-at-Arms, Wm. T. Owens-First Master of inard, John W. Pierson—Sentinel. Dr. C. J. Simms—Tent Physician.

Victory for Cuban Jaunts.

The Cuban Giants had no difficulty in defeating the Dry Dockers on the illamond yesterday afternoon near the shipyard, winning by a score of 24 to 9. The score follows:
Cuban Gians 53 6 46-24
Dry Docker 2 0 0 3 3-9

HE MUST COME BACK.

(The Providence Journal.)

The Hon. Richard Croker still intends to go to Europe, despite the threatening outlook of affairs at home. But he will come back, he says, if he is needed. Is there ever a time when wige statesmanship like his is not needed?

BE PARIS BELIEVED TO

Vice President of the American Line Discredits the Story of Her Gapture.

HAS THE AMCRICAN SHIP SHENANDOAH BEEN

Spanish Vessel Taken Near Havana After Solid Shot Had Been Fired. North Atlantic Squardon Anchored Off Marro Castle, President McKinley Issues a Proclamation Calling for 125,000 Volunteers.

(By Telegraph.)

LONDON, April 23.-A report was in

PEEK FACTION CONFIDENT.

neard from trustworthy sources that it was not his boat, but the British steamer Shenandouh, bound for Newport News, April 13, for Liverpool, that had been boarded and examined by

the Spanlards. SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.-The American ship Shenandoah, Captain Murphy, reported captured off the English coast by a Spanish cruiser, sailed from San Francisco Jenuary 5 for Liverpool. She carried over 100,-000 bushels of wheat and 2,000 bushels of barley, valued at \$155,000.

Genuime Chinis dinner sets at \$18.50 and up. Three \$40.00 French Chinis dinner sets at \$35.00 this week. 56 piece ceasets, gold band or fancy decorations at \$7.50. Adams' Racket Store.

Negligee shirts guaranteed after washing to fit you—and not the baby. Woodward & Womble.

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Manterola, the Spanish naval commander, wished to prevent the sailing Captain General Blanco was opposed to this tep, and she was allowed to sall. It was estimated this evening that there were from 45,000 to 50,000 men under arms in Havana proper. The district outside of Havana, at the same

time was held by the battalions of en-

Scout, boats were sent out from the harbor, always in a straight line, and they will be coming and going through-

out the night.
All doctors, lawyers and profession-al men have been compelled to render service to the government, under pen-alty of being most severely dealt with. Captain General Blanco has been re-Captain General Blanco has been re-ceiving telegrams expressing patriot-ism and loyalty from all parts of the island. It is alleged that the former insurgent Brigadier General Masso has offered to organize forces in the country to fight the Americans. (By Telegraph.)

that remain a secret for the present.

From that, do not think for an instant that we are discouraged. Far from that we are confident of the success of the militime women to show you how confident of the success of the militime women to show you how confident we are I will say that we will start drilling in the early part of this start drilling in the early part of this week. We are anxious to go to the week. We are anxious to go to the week. We are anxious to go to the success of the militime officers conveying information of the first women has begun, as is did by a story from Peking to militime officers conveying information of the start drilling in the early part of this dance of the laddes of as to the length of time, surprisingly danced. The Chinese girl's feet are not in many cases, that would be resented to the ubove dispation and the had off key West, reached here. Admirally quired by them to gather their forces ready for muster.

regular army officers in the various states, will be brought to one of three great depots, namely, Washington, Richmond, and Atlanta, where they will be organized to meet the requirements of modern army tactics. The fact that Richmond is named as one of these points is taken in some quarters as an evidence that Fitzhugh Lee is to receive a volunteer commission. either as one of the four major-generals or one of the nine brigadier-generals provided for in the volunteer hill, for it is believed that it was largely at his iristance that Richmond was selected as one of the points of concentration.

In anticip ation of the certification of

Moniserrat had sailed today from St. Pierre for some Cuban port having on board 800 men. It is likely that this information will be speedily communicated to Captain Sampson.

There was little of interest in the State Department today connected with the war, save the formal issue there of the President's proclamation calling for troops. The message recommending a declaration of war, which is to go to Congress next Monday, uniess there is a change of plans, has been under preparation during the day and that in connection with the study of some questions connected with the neutrality laws was about all that the department had in hand, connected with the war.

WIRDS TAKEN,
KEY WEST, PLA., 'April 23.—Wire
here taken by government. Press matter censored. Havana connection
abandoned.

FLEET OFF MORRO CASTLE. ON BOARD THE FLAGSHIP NEW YORK, OFF HAVANA, April 23.-9 A. M.—The American fleet is still of Morro Castle. No casualty has occurred Morro Castle. No casumity has occurred up to the present time to any of the American vessels and everything remains quiet. The torpedo boat Erlesson during the night sighted a fishing boar and gave chac, capturing the vessel under the gurs of Morro Castle.

THE CARTER COURT MARTIAL (By Telegraph.)
SAVANNAH, GA., April 23.—The taking of evidence in the Carter court martial was ended today. The arguments will begin Tuesday next and will probably last two or three days.

Fashlon demands large checks for suits. We are satisfied with very smal one. Woodward & Womble. if

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

President Issues a Call for 125,000.

TEXT OF PROCLAMATION

Army Reorganization Bill Pass-

(By Telegraph.)
WASHINGTON, April 28. — The resident today issued the following roclamation, calling for 125,000 troops

second batallon and the other E% officers, it is provided in the last section of the bill, shell, on the conclusion of hostilites, be ether absorbed by siling any vacancies existing in the other companies of the service or by the monorable discharge, as may be desend necessary to reduce the commissioned officers of the army to the number now provided for by the first section of this act.

The following important proviso was offered by the committee as an amendment:

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"Provided that in the event of a call by the President for either volunteers or the militia of the country, the President is authorized to accept the quoise of troops of the various states and erritories, including the District of Columbie, as organized under the laws of the states and territories, including the District of Columbia."

The debate on the bill was spirited, Mr. Underwood (Democrait), of Alabama, vigorously opposing the measure.

ure.
At 11:25 A. M., without completing the consideration of the bill, the House took a recess in order to attend the funeral of Senator Walthal.
The House reconvened after Senator Walthal's funeral at 12:50 P. M., and resumed the consideration of the army reconstruction bill

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An amendment offered by Mr. Bailey, was adopted, which provided that the army at the end of war should be reluced to a peace basis by the "transfer in the same arm of the service or hotorable discharge under such regulations as the secretary of warmay establish," of supernumerary commissioned officers and men.

Without further amendment the

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